

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 28, and 43. Please amend 2-7, 9-12, 14-15, 17-27, 29-33, 44-46, 48-49, 53, 55-60, and 71-74. The claims are as follows.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[1]] 8, wherein being helically wound includes being braided.

3. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[1]] 8, wherein being helically wound includes being served.

4. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[1]] 8, wherein being helically wound includes being helically wound in no more than one rotational direction, and wherein the one rotational direction is selected from the group consisting of a clockwise direction and a counter clockwise direction.

5. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[1]] 8, wherein the conductive wiring has a diameter between about 1 mil and about 5 mils.

6. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[1]] 8, wherein the conductive wiring includes a conductive material selected from the group consisting of copper, a copper alloy,

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nickel, palladium, and platinum.

7. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[1]] 8, wherein the dielectric core includes a dielectric material having a hardness between about 37A and about 56D on a Shore scale.

8. (Previously presented) An electrical structure comprising a conductive button, said conductive button including:

a dielectric core; and

a conductive wiring helically wound circumferentially around the dielectric core, wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at least two end contacts at a first end of the conductive button, and wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at least two end contacts at a second end of the conductive button, wherein the dielectric core has axial grooves along an outer surface of the dielectric core.

9. (Currently amended) ~~The electrical structure of claim 1;~~ An electrical structure comprising a conductive button, said conductive button including:

a dielectric core; and

a conductive wiring helically wound circumferentially around the dielectric core, wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at least two end contacts at a first end of the conductive button, wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at least two end contacts at a second end of the conductive button, wherein the at least two end contacts at the first end of the button are

raised so as to extend beyond the dielectric core in a first direction parallel to an axis of the button, wherein the at least two end contacts at the second end of the button are raised so as to extend beyond the dielectric core in a second direction parallel to the axis of the button, and wherein the second direction is opposite the first direction, wherein the dielectric core has an axial through hole at a radial center of the dielectric core.

10. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[1]] 16, wherein the dielectric core has a foamed structure.

11. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[1]] 9, further comprising an outer dielectric jacket around the conductive wiring.

12. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[1]] 9, wherein being helically wound includes being braided or served.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[1]] 9, wherein being helically wound includes being helically wound in no more than one rotational direction, and wherein the one rotational direction is selected from the group consisting of a clockwise direction and a counter clockwise direction.

15. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[1]] 9, wherein a portion of the conductive wiring is at a helical angle between about 30 degrees and about 60 degrees with respect to an axis of the button.

16. (Previously presented) An electrical structure comprising a conductive button, said conductive button including:

a dielectric core; and

a conductive wiring helically wound circumferentially around the dielectric core, wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at least two end contacts at a first end of the conductive button, and wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at least two end contacts at a second end of the conductive button; and

an outer dielectric jacket around the conductive wiring, wherein at least one end contact at the first end of the button is at a node of two wires of the conductive wiring.

17. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[11]] 16, wherein the conductive wiring includes a conductive material selected from the group consisting of copper, a copper alloy, nickel, palladium, and platinum.

18. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[11]] 16, wherein the at least two end contacts of the conductive wiring at the first end of the button are coated with a noble metal.

19. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[11]] 16, wherein the conductive

wiring has a diameter between about 1 mil and about 5 mils.

20. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[11]] 16, wherein the end contacts at the first end of the button each have a non-planar surface.

21. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[11]] 16, wherein the end contacts at the first end of the button each have a surface concavity toward the conductive button.

22. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[11]] 16, wherein the end contacts at the first end of the button each have a sharp edge.

23. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[11]] 16, wherein the dielectric core includes a first dielectric material having a hardness between about 37A and about 56D on a Shore scale, and wherein the dielectric jacket includes a second dielectric material having a hardness between about 37A and about 56D on a Shore scale.

24. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[11]] 16, wherein the dielectric core includes a first dielectric material, wherein the dielectric jacket includes a second dielectric material, and wherein the second dielectric material and the first dielectric material each include a same dielectric material.

25. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[11]] 16, wherein at least one of the

dielectric core and the dielectric jacket includes polytetrafluoroethylene or expanded polytetrafluoroethylene.

26. (Currently amended) ~~The electrical structure of claim 11~~ An electrical structure comprising a conductive button, said conductive button including:

a dielectric core;

a conductive wiring helically wound circumferentially around the dielectric core, wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at least two end contacts at a first end of the conductive button, wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at least two end contacts at a second end of the conductive button, wherein the at least two end contacts at the first end of the button are raised so as to extend beyond the dielectric core in a first direction parallel to an axis of the button, wherein the at least two end contacts at the second end of the button are raised so as to extend beyond the dielectric core in a second direction parallel to the axis of the button, and wherein the second direction is opposite the first direction; and

an outer dielectric jacket around the conductive wiring, wherein the dielectric core has axial grooves along an outer surface of the dielectric core.

27. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 16, wherein the dielectric core has an axial through hole at a radial center of the dielectric core.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[11]] 16, wherein the dielectric core has a diameter between about 10 mils and about 20 mils.

30. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[11]] 16, wherein the dielectric core and the dielectric jacket each shrink in length during exposure to heat or ultraviolet radiation.

31. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[11]] 16, wherein the dielectric core and the dielectric jacket bond together during exposure to heat or ultraviolet radiation.

32. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[11]] 16, wherein the dielectric core, the dielectric jacket, and the conductive wiring are each compressible in the direction that is parallel to the axis of the button.

33. (Currently amended) The electrical structure of claim [[1]] 16, further comprising:

a first substrate having a conductive pad; and

a second substrate having a conductive pad, wherein the at least two end contacts at the first end of the conductive button are in mechanical and electrical contact with the conductive pad of the first substrate, and wherein at least two end contacts at the second end of the conductive button are in mechanical and electrical contact with the conductive pad of the second substrate.

34. (Original) The electrical structure of claim 33, wherein the first substrate includes a printed

wiring board, and wherein the second substrate includes an electronic module.

35. (Original) The electrical structure of claim 33, wherein being helically wound includes being braided or being served.

36. (Original) The electrical structure of claim 33, wherein the dielectric core, the dielectric jacket, and the conductive wiring are each sufficiently compressible so as to accommodate up to about 8 mils of composite variability that includes a planarity of a surface of the first substrate and a planarity of a surface of the second substrate which is opposite the surface of the first substrate.

37. (Original) The electrical structure of claim 33, further comprising a dielectric place holder that holds the button, wherein the place holder is disposed between the first substrate and the second substrate.

38. (Original) The electrical structure of claim 37, wherein the button is friction held by the place holder, molded to the place holder, or glued to the place holder.

39. (Original) The electrical structure of claim 33, wherein the mechanical and electrical contact with the conductive pad of the first substrate and with the conductive pad of the second substrate is maintained by a force upon each said pad, said force directed toward the button from each said pad.

40. (Original) The electrical structure of claim 39, wherein the electrical structure is clamped, and wherein the force upon each said pad results from the electrical structure being clamped.

41. (Previously presented) The electrical structure of claim 33, wherein the mechanical and electrical contact with the conductive pad of the first substrate is maintained by a force upon each said pad, said force directed toward the button from each said pad, and wherein the at least two end contacts at the second end of the conductive button are solderably coupled to the conductive pad of the second substrate.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Canceled)

44. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 47, wherein the helically winding includes braiding.

45. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 47, wherein the helically winding includes serving.

46. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 47, wherein the helically winding includes helically winding in no more than one rotational direction, and wherein the one rotational

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direction is selected from the group consisting of a clockwise direction and a counter clockwise direction.

47. (Previously presented) A method for forming an electrical structure; comprising:

- providing a dielectric core;
- forming axial grooves along an outer surface of the dielectric core;
- helically winding a conductive wiring circumferentially around the dielectric core; and
- cutting at an angle to an axis of the dielectric core, through the conductive wiring and through the dielectric core, at two locations along the axis, leaving a conductive button between the two location as having a first end and a second end, wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at least two end contacts at the first end, and wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at least two end contacts at the second end.

48. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 47, further comprising forming an axial through hole at a radial center of the dielectric core.

49. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 47, further comprising:

- forming an outer dielectric jacket around the conductive wiring.

50. (Original) The method of claim 49, wherein the helically winding includes braiding or serving.

51. (Canceled)

52. (Original) The method of claim 49, wherein the helically winding includes helically winding in no more than one rotational direction, and wherein the one rotational direction is selected from the group consisting of a clockwise direction and a counter clockwise direction.

53. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[49]]~~ 47, wherein the helically winding includes helically winding a portion of the conductive wiring at a helical angle between about 30 degrees and about 60 degrees with respect to an axis of the button.

54. (Previously presented) A method for forming an electrical structure; comprising:
providing a dielectric core;
helically winding a conductive wiring circumferentially around the dielectric core;
forming an outer dielectric jacket around the conductive wiring; and
cutting at an angle to an axis of the dielectric core, through the dielectric jacket and through the conductive wiring and through the dielectric core, at two locations along the axis, leaving a conductive button between the two location as having a first end and a second end, wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at least two end contacts at the first end, and wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at least two end contacts at the second end, wherein the cutting includes cutting through a node of two wires of the conductive wiring.

55. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[49]]~~ 47, further comprising coating the at least

two end contacts of the conductive wiring at the first end of the button with a noble metal.

56. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[49]] 47, wherein the cutting includes cutting by lasering.

57. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[49]] 47, wherein the cutting includes cutting by electrical discharge machining (EDM).

58. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 49, further comprising~~ A method for forming an electrical structure; comprising:

providing a dielectric core;

forming axial grooves along an outer surface of the dielectric core;

helically winding a conductive wiring circumferentially around the dielectric core; and

cutting at an angle to an axis of the dielectric core, through the conductive wiring and

through the dielectric core, at two locations along the axis, leaving a conductive button between

the two location as having a first end and a second end, wherein the conductive wiring terminates

in at least two end contacts at the first end, and wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at

least two end contacts at the second end;

forming an outer dielectric jacket around the conductive wiring; and

forming axial grooves along an outer surface of the dielectric core.

59. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 49, further comprising~~ A method for forming an

electrical structure; comprising:

providing a dielectric core;

forming axial grooves along an outer surface of the dielectric core;

helically winding a conductive wiring circumferentially around the dielectric core; and

cutting at an angle to an axis of the dielectric core, through the conductive wiring and

through the dielectric core, at two locations along the axis, leaving a conductive button between

the two location as having a first end and a second end, wherein the conductive wiring terminates

in at least two end contacts at the first end, and wherein the conductive wiring terminates in at

least two end contacts at the second end;

forming an outer dielectric jacket around the conductive wiring; and

forming an axial through hole at a radial center of the dielectric core.

60. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[49]] 47, further comprising:

providing a first substrate and a second substrate;

mechanically and electrically coupling the at least two end contacts at the first end of the button to a conductive pad of the first substrate; and

mechanically and electrically coupling the at least two end contacts at the second end of the button to a conductive pad of the second substrate.

61. (Original) The method of claim 60, wherein the first substrate includes a printed wiring board, and wherein the second substrate includes an electronic module.

62. (Original) The method of claim 60, further comprising:

after the cutting, placing the button in a dielectric place holder such that place holder holds the button in place; and

disposing the place holder between the first substrate and the second substrate.

63. (Original) The method of claim 62, wherein placing the button into the place holder includes friction fitting, holding, or gluing the button into the place holder.

64. (Original) The method of claim 60, further comprising:

after forming the dielectric jacket and prior to the cutting, placing the electronic structure of the dielectric jacket, conductive wiring, and dielectric core in a dielectric place holder such that place holder holds the electronic structure in place; and

after the cutting, disposing the place holder between the first substrate and the second substrate.

65. (Original) The method of claim 64, wherein placing the button into the place holder includes friction fitting, holding, or gluing the button into the place holder.

66. (Original) The method of claim 60, wherein the dielectric core, the dielectric jacket, and the conductive wiring are each sufficiently compressible so as to accommodate up to about 8 mils of composite variability that includes a planarity of a surface of the first substrate and a planarity of a surface of the second substrate which is opposite the surface of the first substrate.

67. (Original) The method of claim 60, wherein mechanically and electrically coupling the at least two end contacts at the first end of the button to the conductive pad of the first substrate and mechanically and electrically contacting the at least two end contacts at the second end of the button to the conductive pad of the second substrate includes maintaining a force upon each said pad, said force directed toward the button from each said pad.

68. (Original) The method of claim 67, wherein maintaining the force upon each said pad includes clamping the electrical structure such that the force upon each said pad results from the electrical structure being clamped.

69. (Previously presented) The method of claim 60, wherein mechanically and electrically coupling the at least two end contacts at the first end of the button to the conductive pad of the first substrate includes maintaining a force upon the conductive pad of the first substrate and upon the conductive pad of the second substrate, said force directed toward the button from each said pad, wherein mechanically and electrically coupling the at least two end contacts at the first end of the button to the conductive pad of the first substrate includes solderably coupling the at least two end contacts at the first end of the button to the conductive pad of the first substrate, and wherein mechanically and electrically coupling the at least two end contacts at the second end of the button to the conductive pad of the second substrate includes solderably coupling the at least two end contacts at the second end of the button to the conductive pad of the second substrate.

70. (Canceled)

71. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[49]]~~ 47, wherein the end contacts at the first end of the button each have a non-planar surface.

72. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[49]]~~ 47, wherein the end contacts at the first end of the button each have a surface concavity toward the conductive button.

73. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[49]]~~ 47, wherein the end contacts at the first end of the button each have a sharp edge.

74. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[49]]~~ 47, wherein the dielectric core includes a first dielectric material, and wherein the dielectric jacket includes a second dielectric material, and wherein the second dielectric material and the first dielectric material each include a same dielectric material.